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SUBJ: STUDENT UNREST AND VIOLENCE IN ADANA

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1. REPORTS OF MORE STUDENT INCIDENTS HERE DOMINATED ADANA NEWSPAPERS ON 8 JANUARY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE WERE STORIES OF FIGHTING OUTSIDE A GIRLS DORMITORY FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT ALLEDGEDLY PROVOKED BY RIGHTEST STUDENTS, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A STUDENT BOYCOTT AT THE ADANA EDUCATION INSTITUTE, THE LATTER TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE STUDENT'S NINE-POINT LIST OF DEMANDS WAS MET. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT OF THE 20 STUDENTS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHTING AT THE ADANA ACADEMY (REFTEL), ALL BUT TWO WERE RELEASED AT THE PRE-

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LIMINARY HEARING.

2. IN A FRONT PAGE NEWS ARTICLE YENI ADANA PRINTED CHARGES THAT THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF STUDENT INCIDENTS IN ADANA COULD BE ATTRIBUTED DIR

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ECTLY TO THE VISIT TO THIS CITY OF NAP PARTY CHIEF ALPASLAN TURKES. (TURKES HAD VISITED HERE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADANA PROVINCIAL NAP CONFERENCE AND TO ATTEND CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH ADANA'S LIBERATION DAY, JANUARY 5.) THE PAPER STATED THAT IT WAS RUMORED THAT WHILE HERE TURKES HAD ACCUSED HIS NAP COMMANDOS OF BEING TOO PASSIVE AND HAD URGED THEM TO BE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE IN "SOCIAL INCIDENTS".

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THE VIOLENCE, THE PAPER WENT ON TO SAY, BEGAN WITH TURKES' ARRIVAL

AND WAS ORGANIZED BY NAP COMMANDOS AND BY THE IDEALIST HEARTHS.
THE NAP ROLE IN THE AFFAIR, THE PAPER CONCLUDED IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE

FACT THAT THE STUDENTS ARRESTED DURING THE FIGHT AT THE ADANA ACADEMY
WERE BEING DEFENDED BY LAWYERS WHO WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NAP
PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS.

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